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Attorney Docket No. 600189-345

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Michael Burrows  
Application No. : 10/827,354  
Filed : April 20, 2004  
Title : Technique for Ranking Records of a Database  
Examiner : Mark A. Radtke  
Art Unit : 2165

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007, please  
reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**